total nuclear power capacity will reach 7280 MWe by end of XI Plan. The XI Plan proposals envisage start of work of eight indigenous Pressurized Heavy Water Reactors of 700 MWe each.

(b) Yes, Sir. The expenditure will be met through a combination of equity and market borrowings.

(c) NPCIL has taken up pre-project activities for four 700 MWe reactors at two sites approved by the Government in-principle. Sites for remaining four reactors are under consideration of the Government for approval.

(d) The projects under construction will add 3160 MWe in XI Plan period.

Indigenous Nuclear Power Programme

†2640. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the concrete plans to advance indigenous nuclear power programme of India keeping in view that India is facing shortage of Uranium;

(b) if so, the main programmes prepared to meet the shortage of Uranium in the country during last two years; and

(c) by when it is proposed to implement the entire action plan to make nuclear power programme better in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) to (c) The country has sufficient minable uranium resources to support a capacity of 10,000 MWe of Pressurized Heavy Water Reactors (PHWR) in the first stage of nuclear power programme. So far, PHWRs of 3800 MWe capacity have been set up and PHWRs of 660 MWe capacity are under construction. PHWRs of 5600 MWe capacity are planned to be set up in future along with the required uranium production capacity. The second stage of the nuclear power programme will use fuel derived from the spent fuel of the first stage. The indigenous nuclear power programme is thus on course.

The current mismatch between supply and demand of fuel is temporary. The Government has taken steps to augment supply of uranium by opening new mines and augmenting processing facilities. With the commencement of operations at the new uranium processing mill at Turamdih and with the commencement of mining work at Tummalapalle, availability for uranium is expected to improve progressively.

Allotment of coal blocks

2641. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of coal blocks allotted to private parties in Western Coalfields Ltd. (WCL);

(b) if so, the company-wise details of allotment during the last two years; and

(c) the revenue earned by Coal India Ltd. due to allotment of these coal blocks?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.